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In re Application of
Jan Folkmar
Application No. 09/813,476
Filed: March 22, 2001
For: HINGED CLIP WITH SEPARABLE JAWS

DECISION ON PETITION
TO WITHDRAW THE
HOLDING OF ABANDONMENT

This is in response to applicant's Petition to Withdraw the Holding of Abandonment, filed in the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) on September 19, 2002 and supplemented on November 11, 2002.

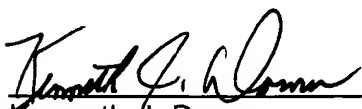
The petition is **GRANTED**.

A review of the file record reveals that an Office action was mailed on February 25, 2002 wherein a three-month statutory period to respond was set. A response has not been matched with the file. Therefore, the application is abandoned, although a Notice of Abandonment has yet to be mailed.

Applicant asserts that a response was timely filed on April 5, 2002. A postcard receipt bearing an Office receipt date of April 5, 2002 is included with the petition. This is accepted as sufficient evidence of timely receipt of the response.

The application is being forwarded to the to the Supervisory Legal Instruments Examiner to process the amendment filed April 5, 2002. Thereafter, it will be forwarded to the examiner for prompt action on the amendment filed April 5, 2002.

Telephone inquiries relative to this decision should be directed to Special Programs Examiner Kenneth Dorner at (703) 308-0866.


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